

Resolution No._____, Series 2010

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF KENTUCKY KINGDOM, EXPRESSING THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE THEME PARK AND ENCOURAGING THE KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD TO FIND A WAY TO RE-OPEN ONE OF THE STATE'S TOP TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND DECLARING THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION AN EMERGENCY.

SPONSOR: Councilman Hal Heiner, District 19
Councilman David Tandy, District 4

Whereas: Kentucky Kingdom is one of the Commonwealth's largest tourist attractions;
and

Whereas: Kentucky Kingdom is used by local and state tourism officials, elected leaders and businesses as a recruiting tool for conventions and recreation; and

Whereas: Kentucky Kingdom is credited with attracting visitors from the neighboring states of Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri – bringing families into our city; and

Whereas: Kentucky Kingdom hires more than 1,000 young adults each summer, and had been one of the largest single employers of teens in this region for more than a decade; and

Whereas: Kentucky Kingdom, like many businesses, is making strong efforts to reorganize and renegotiate its many agreements in an effort to sustain itself during these tough economic times; and

Whereas: Residents of Louisville metro understand the importance of having Kentucky Kingdom within our community and desire to see Six Flags or another operator move in to ensure its operation for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“COUNCIL”) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Louisville Metro Council strongly endorses actions by local government, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky State Fair Board to take all appropriate actions to keep Kentucky Kingdom open and operating.

Section 2. The Louisville Metro Council announces this community’s support for the continued operation of Kentucky’s premier amusement park – with hopes that an agreement with Six Flags or another amusement operator can be reached to ensure the long term operation of the park.

Section 3. Without the immediate action of state and local government, the departure of Kentucky Kingdom and the loss of jobs, revenue and tourism are imminent.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 7.12 of the Rules of the Council, the passage of this Resolution is deemed to be an emergency. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Thomas L. Owen
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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